

THE  
C A S E

OF THE

*Company of MASONS of the City  
of LONDON.*

**T**HAT the said Company was Incorporated  
by Royal Charter many Years ago.

**T**HAT great Quantities of Wrought Marble have lately been Imported into this Kingdom from *Italy* and other Foreign Parts, and Exposed to Sale here contrary to all former Usage, to the great Prejudice of the *Master Masons*, and the Ruin of their Poor Workmen and Families, who (now the Publick Structures of the Nation are near finished) will want Bread, and become Chargeable to their respective Parishes, unless such Importation be Prohibited, their sole Livelihood being in the Sawing and otherwise preparing the Unwrought Marble fit for the *Masons* and Workers therein, who make the same sort of Commodities much better than those now Imported ready Manufactured.

**T**HAT if this growing Evil (under which the said Company labour at present) be not speedily Redress'd by Parliament, there is no other Prospect but an utter Extirpation of the Art of Working in Marble within this Kingdom.

*WHEREFORE it is Humbly Pray'd, That  
this HONOURABLE HOUSE will Compassio-  
nate the declining Circumstances of the said  
Trade, and Encourage the future Improve-  
ment thereof, by preventing the Importation  
of any Wrought Marble for Sale into this  
Kingdom.*